

cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

AUGUST 2019

BACK TO CLASS

learn SOMETHING New

As the kids in our community jump back into classroom learning later this month, it inspired us to ask a simple question: What about everyone else? When it comes to resources for lifetime learning, the options are everywhere.

"Residents will be surprised when they look at the scope of the classes we offer throughout the year," says city Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado. "It's not limited to learning to play a new sport, but also some richly textured classes that can enhance your physical and intellectual life. We have such a deeply educated community, and it's reflected in the classes we offer and the ones our residents take. There's something new every year."

So, what are you looking to do with your body and brain this fall? No matter what fitness level, Salgado says there's a class for you. For example, at Green Acres Center, Zumba Gold offers adults a low-intensity workout with fitness goals of bal-

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City Survey

FAVORITE PART OF GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL?

As the dog days wind down, our attention turns to the days and nights ahead in our city schools. In this month's online survey, we asked residents what they most look forward to when school opens.

39%
MEETING TEACHERS
AND STAFF AT
DANIELS RUN,
PROVIDENCE,
LANIER MIDDLE
AND FAIRFAX HIGH



5%
SEEING THE FAIRFAX
HIGH MARCHING BAND
IN ACTION DURING
FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES



5%
ATTENDING A
PERFORMANCE BY THE
FAIRFAX ACADEMY OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND ARTS



33%
HANGING OUT AT THE
ANNUAL HOMECOMING
PARADE AS IT WINDS
DOWN OLD LEE HIGHWAY



18%
ATTENDING FAIRFAX
HIGH SCHOOL FALL
GAMES AND MATCHES



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CITY NEWS

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday, August 2-4

From Friday through Sunday, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products without paying sales tax.

Details: tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday

National Night Out, August 6

Join the celebration! Civic associations hosting events may schedule a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog and other public safety officials. Want your neighborhood to participate? You can reach out up to the day of the event. Contact Sergeant George Moskowitz: George.Moskowitz@fairfaxva.gov, 703.385.7918

Road Closure, August 6

As part of the Rust Curve project, both northbound and southbound lanes will be closed on Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Washington Gas will be connecting gas lines across both lanes. There still will be access to the downtown garage from Chain Bridge Road. More info: rt123sidewalk.com

Back to School, August 26

For information on Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) immunization requirements, visit fcps.edu and search "immunization." Fairfax County Health Department provides free immunizations for FCPS students; visit fairfaxcounty.gov and search "immunization"

Safety tips for school zones:

- Obey speed limits in school zones
- Stop for school buses where students are loading or unloading
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals
- Look out for students throughout the community, but especially on crosswalks and near schools



Home-Based Business: What's Permitted

Launching a home-based business? Team up with the Zoning Office to obtain the proper permits before opening shop.

Minor home occupation allows use of 20 percent of the first-floor for business purposes. This is typically for a workspace, computer and phone in support of client-based services provided off-site. (Think graphic design, consulting service, editing services.)

Food preparation requires a home-based commercial kitchen, as well as Virginia Department of Agriculture Consumer Services Food Safety Program licenses (vdacs.virginia.gov).

Major home occupation is for businesses where clients may visit the property, like counseling or limited daycare. Major home occupation requires a special-use permit approved by City Council. Find out what businesses are permitted for home occupation in Zoning Ordinance 110-3.5.5.D.12, and download permit applications at fairfaxva.gov/zoning (click on "Residents").

Free Bus Rides With Student SmarTrip Cards

Middle school and high school students who live and attend school in Fairfax City and Fairfax County can ride for free on CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector with a Student SmarTrip Card.

The card provides free rides from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. At other times, students must use cash or a (separate) SmarTrip card. CUE Bus offers reduced fares for students with a valid CUE Bus ID. Contact your school for information. Homeschoolers may contact taitaliano@fcps.edu or 703.446.2000.

Fairfax City Receives Major Awards

The city's 2035 Comprehensive Plan was recognized as the **2019 Commonwealth Plan of the Year** by the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association. This

award honors Virginia's best planning document of the year that exemplifies outstanding planning processes, vision, implementation strategies and innovative approaches. *2035 Comprehensive Plan*: fairfaxva.gov/livablefairfax

The Fire Department earned the **Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Plus Award** from the American Heart Association for pre-hospital management and treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. This is the highest recognition bestowed on a first-time recipient of the award.

The Public Works Department Fleet Division was recognized in the **100 Best Fleets in the Americas** by the NAFA Institute and Expo. Perspective: There are more than 38,000 fleets in North and South America.

Registered Voters, Earn \$150 on Election Day

Registered voters may earn \$150 serving as Fairfax City officers of election for the November 5 General Election. Duties include checking in voters, issuing ballots and monitoring voting equipment. Apply online; visit fairfaxva.gov/vote

Arts Grants Available

The City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts offers grants to arts organizations that serve Fairfax City. These grants are bestowed to support the creation of art and to contribute to the education of the public and artists alike. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Sept. 13. Visit fairfaxva.gov, search "arts grant"



Fairfax Rosenwald School, 1937

In honor of the back-to-school vibe in the city, we found a picture of students (circa 1937) who attended the Fairfax Rosenwald School in the city. The school was located at the corner of School St. and west side of George Mason Blvd. and opened in 1925-26. Julius Rosenwald, co-founder of Sears Roebuck and Co., partially financed the school construction, and it was one of approximately 5,000 schools that he partially financed for African American students.

Rosenwald School replaced the original public school for African-American students that stood on what is now the eastern boundary of the Fairfax Cemetery. The school served the African American community until 1954 when a new brick school (Eleven Oaks Elementary) opened on the opposite corner. The female student with pigtails (far right, back row) is Etta Bowles Strozier, whose family owns the original image (photo courtesy of Fisk University). We give a big thanks to Susan Gray, the city's acting historic resources director, for the details about the school. Explore more local history, including incredible photography, at the Fairfax Museum (10209 Main St.) and the Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North St.).

Nothing but a Sweet Ride



Twenty years is a long time to be in the fantasy car business, which probably explains the success of the annual Labor Day Car Show, a collaboration between the city and the Clifton Lions Club. The show — yes, it's actually held on Labor Day (Sept. 2) — boasts up to 450 cars and thousands of spectators. And because it's a so-called open show, attendees can expect to see antiques, new cars, motorcycles, trucks, muscle cars and customs. It also helps that the show features even more than vehicles; expect to find great food, libations, ice cream and live music. In other words, the draw is much more than chrome, wild fins, fat tires and spit-polished engines. Families now pour into the show, which runs the expanse University Dr.,

from Sager to Armstrong, with pockets of parking lots hosting cars with owners proudly holding court.

"I've been going for 17 of the 20 years the show has been around, and I see something new every year," says city resident and former City Council member Jeff Greenfield, who's one of the show's organizers. "Folks are always fascinated by what they see. The partnership between the city and the Lions club is tremendous and is the cornerstone of the show."

Another cornerstone has been the money it has raised — to date, \$450,000 — for charities like Life with Cancer, Clifton's Therapeutic Riding Center and the Vicky Arnel Fund. The show also donates money to the City of Fairfax Police and Fire Departments.

For Greenfield, every year brings its own sense of novelty. "I look forward to meeting new folks," he says. "Seeing the level of interest for the only Labor Day show in the tri-state area is amazing. When I arrive to assist with set-up at 6 a.m., folks are already waiting to get in. Some are pre-positioning the cars the night before! Looking at cars that have been fully restored — cars no one appreciated when we were kids — is a lot of fun. Listening to young and old alike share stories about their prized possession is the icing on the cake." *Sept. 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., University Dr., from Sager to Armstrong St., free but donations accepted*

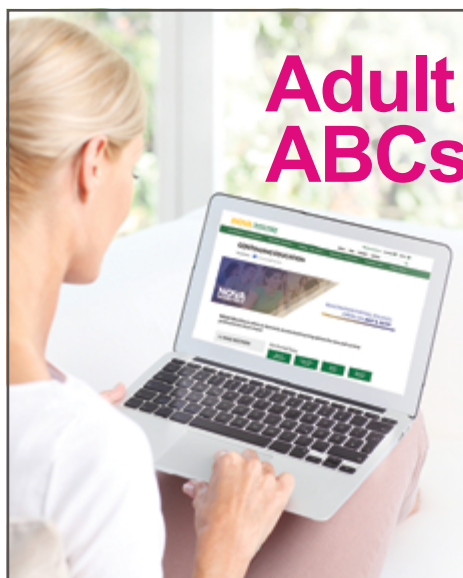


learn SOMETHING New

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ance, range of motion and toning, whereas Kenpo karate martial arts focuses on the strength and agility common in one of the world's oldest sports — led by an instructor trained in Okinawa, Japan. Residents can also learn yoga, Pilates, as well as a range of dance, from Irish step to the Lindy hop.

For those who want to learn from the experts, Green Acres Center features free lunch-and-learn sessions throughout the fall, including classes about settling a decedent's estate, cyber- and cloud-computing and even the process for writing a memoir or family history. "Lifetime learning has so many meanings," says Salgado. "For us and our programming, it means embracing life on as many levels as possible." *For a complete guide to fall and early winter education and fitness classes, visit fairfaxva.gov and search "parks and rec connected"*



Whether it's about simply learning a new subject or building a better resume, our area offers some terrific opportunities for lifetime learning.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (olli.gmu.edu), offers intellectual and cultural experiences in a welcoming atmosphere to Northern Virginia residents in their retirement years.

Fairfax County Public Schools Adult Education (aceclasses.fcps.edu) offers everything from business and IT classes to world languages for adults.

NOVA Workforce (nvcc.edu/workforce) at Northern Virginia Community College offers in-demand, accelerated training options for new and current professionals.

BY THE NUMBERS

School Stats

With the start of the school year, here's a big-picture look at our city schools (Daniels Run and Providence Elementary, Lanier Middle and Fairfax High) and the talented students who attend them. For more stories about our students, teachers and their accomplishments, visit cityoffairfaxschools.org or follow on Facebook @FairfaxCitySchools and on Twitter @FairfaxSchools.

4,964

Total number of students in our schools
(3,004 of whom are city residents)

7

Number of world languages taught at Fairfax High School

\$4,400

Amount of money raised by Fairfax High School students via DECA for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

775

Number of students who attend the nationally renowned Academy for Communications and Arts at Fairfax High

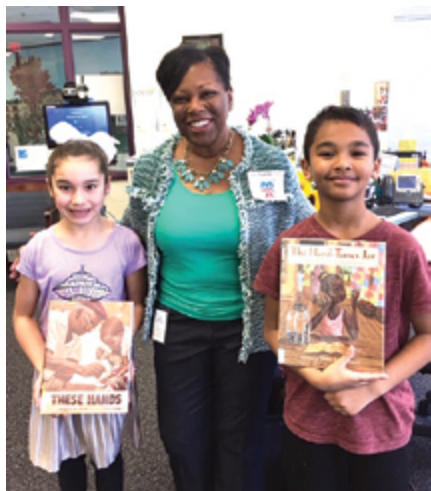
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Number of consecutive years the Fairfax High field hockey team has reached the regional tournament each fall

5 MINUTES WITH ...

PHYLLIS PAJARDO

FAIRFAX CITY SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT



How long have you been with the city? This is my fifth year and my third as the superintendent. I worked for Fairfax County Public Schools for 35 years in a variety of school-based and central-office roles, from principal to assistant superintendent.

What's the big picture of your role? I transform the School Board's strategic goals into meaningful actions for our students, school staff and school leaders. I lead a small and highly-effective team and collaborate with Fairfax County Public Schools and city leaders.

What do you love most about working for city schools? Education is people-centered and relational.

Whether it's the younger people, staff or parents, I love the people aspect of my work.

What gets you excited about the new school year? I'm excited about the Korean students and Chinese educators who are visiting our schools this summer, furthering our global connections. Also, it's great seeing the 1:1 laptop initiative — one laptop for every student, funded by the city — in action at our high school and middle school, which strengthens our students' readiness and preparation for their futures. Also, it's always exciting to think about the possibilities and potential of our staff and students. Each year, our schools achieve something new.

To Serve Community and Country

CITY OF FAIRFAX
POLICE OFFICER

**WYLIE
REYES**

HOMETOWN
Clinton, Md.

YEARS IN CITY'S
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Two

BRANCH OF MILITARY
Air Force (security forces),
four years

RECENT STINT
OVERSEAS, DEPLOYED
IN MIDDLE EAST
July 2018-Feb. 2019



Service is everything to City of Fairfax Police Officer Wylie Reyes, who not only serves locally in our community as a police officer, but also serves our country by working for the Air Force's security detail — most recently from July 2018-Feb. 2019. "I have the utmost respect for everyone who has ever put on the uniform," says Reyes, who grew up in Clinton, Md. "It has been an honor."

Reyes' military roots run deep; he was born at Andrews Air Force base, where his father was stationed. "I always wanted to be in the military," says Reyes. "I also wanted to serve at Joint Base Andrews, so I joined the DC Air National Guard to be stationed there."

The parallels between the military and police department Reyes loves the most? "The city has excellent instructors, who are incredibly professional. Also, I love being able to provide a service to keep the community and America's interest safe." When Reyes recently deployed for seven months in the Middle East, he says he missed the job itself and working with the community. "Both in Fairfax City and the military, I serve with the best," he says. "The officers of Fairfax City and the Airmen of the 113th Wing exceed standards — I'm very proud to be able to work for both."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sudden Impact: Mentoring City School Kids



For City of Fairfax Police Officer Brian Crump, mentoring in our city schools has enhanced his life, professionally and personally. "I tell new officers they need to explore mentoring," says Crump, who has been mentored kids at Providence Elementary and Lanier Middle School for the past three years. "Not only does it help kids who need a little extra guidance, but it helps expose officers to some of the challenges and difficulties that our youth are exposed to today. It could potentially help them to resolve those issues if they encounter similar situations on the street. We get some excellent feedback from each school's counselors and teachers, which is great to hear."

But mentoring isn't just for cops. City

officials have mentored for years, including Treasurer Tom Scibilia, City Councilmember Janice Miller and City Schools Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo. Employees at Apple Federal Credit have been the city schools' best partner, with numerous employees pitching in as mentors. In fact, Apple Federal's Vice President of Community Relations Robert Sowell, who has mentored at Providence Elementary for 13 years, was named Virginia Mentor of the Year in 2015. Shelley Prince, a MentorWorks specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools, told NBC4's Julie Carey: "[Robert] is almost like a celebrity to the children. Most of them call him Mr. Robert, and they are very excited to see him. They light up."



Apple Federal Credit Union's Robert Sowell (photo: NBC4)

BECOME A MENTOR

Both of the city's elementary schools have formal mentoring programs. The commitment is only 30-45 minutes per week, usually during the student's lunch time. During these meetings, the mentor/mentee have lunch, play games and catch up on the week's events. The mentor meets with the same student throughout the school year. There's also a short period for training. If you'd like to mentor for the 2019-20 school year, now is the time to reach out. For Providence Elementary, contact Sarah Rupp (SERupp@fcps.edu). For Daniels Run Elementary, contact Brooke Nichols (bcnichols@fcps.edu) or Louise Robinson (lrobinson@fcps.edu).

Bards in the Neighborhood

Without a doubt, we live in a community of talented people, including musicians, teachers, pilots and every profession in between. It turns out one neighborhood — Old Lee Hills — boasts a number of published authors. Above all, these four women are terrific storytellers who love the city. Since August is a classic beach-reading month, they provide the lowdown on their tomes, favorite spots to read around town and what they're reading to round out the summer.



SHARON CHANG

Years in Fairfax City: 36

Name of her book: *Escaped Alone: A Memoir of an Incomplete Southerner*.

Inspiration behind her book: "In 2001, my father died — followed, a little more than a year later, by my mother. My brothers and I, as grieving families do, were clinging to every trace of our lost parents. Every photograph, every object they had loved and touched, every scrap of paper on which they had written,

all became immeasurably precious to us. Above all, the stories of their lives suddenly figured prominently among those things we wanted to treasure forever. At first, it was just a question of my writing down little vignettes — interesting family stories that I'd usually sum up in not more than two typewritten pages. The book I wanted to create for my brothers and our children and grandchildren would have to be a finished nonfiction work with a beginning, a middle and an end."

Favorite city reading spots? "One of my favorite places is a beautifully landscaped little park enclosed by the Fairfax Square Professional Center. It features running water, quiet, a source of food and drink nearby in case the urge to picnic strikes and tiny individual picnic shelters with bench seating."

Summer reading list: *John Fowles: A Life in Two Worlds* by Eileen Warburton; *Les Parisiennes: How the Women of Paris Lived, Loved and Died in the 1940s* by Anne Sebba; *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculée Ilibagiza



LESLIE WELCH

Years in Fairfax City:

12 ("The first time we drove through Old Town, I immediately felt like this was home. I think it's the best place to live in Northern Virginia.")

Name of her book: *"The Goodbyes"* is my debut novel. It's the story of a rock star's rise to fame, unrequited love and letting go. Just before he goes on stage for a sold-out show, Webb Turner finds out that the girl who

inspired his hit songs might not live through the night. He leaves the concert and races through a blizzard to see her. While he's making the treacherous drive, he reflects back on their relationship and his path to stardom."

Summer reading list: "I have a bunch of books stacked up on my nightstand, including *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante and *The Last Black Unicorn* by Tiffany Haddish."



CATHY CRUISE

Years in Fairfax City: 22

Name of her book: "My novel *A Hundred Weddings* was released in 2016, and some of my published stories include 'More Myself Than I Am,' 'Other People's Lives,' and 'Love, Faith.'"

Inspiration behind her book: "Years ago, I read an article about a wedding photographer who had

seen so many ceremonies gone wrong that she never wanted to have a wedding of her own. I thought that was fascinating and wondered how that situation might impact a child who was witness to years of disastrous weddings. This was the inspiration for Katie, the commitment-phobic daughter of a wedding planner in my novel, *A Hundred Weddings*. My short stories come mostly from my own experiences and those of people I know. Reading other people's work, and especially attending readings like those featured at George Mason University's Fall for the Book (fallforthebook.org), are great ways to generate ideas."

Favorite city reading spots? "Fairfax City Library is a favorite spot of mine. And in summer, my preferred spaces are all outdoors — our neighborhood pool, the swing on my back deck and my backyard hammock."

Summer reading list: "I'm currently reading *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. Next up is *Good Omens* by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman. After that, whatever my book group picks — we've been reading together for nearly two decades now. I also tend to re-read *The Great Gatsby* every few summers."



LINDSAY BARRY

Years in Fairfax City: 36

Names of (children's) books: *Journey to Constellation Station* and *The Backpack*.

Inspiration behind her books: "My two boys! Their ages and stages have inspired both of my books."

Favorite city reading spots: "I love reading adjacent to Old Town Square's splash pad while my kids play."

Summer reading list: *Becoming Jonika* by PJ Devlin, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; *A Light of Her Own* by Carrie Callaghan.

community Calendar

AUGUST 2019

Visit fairfaxva.gov for late-breaking news and event information.
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703.385.7850
Arts and Cultural Events 703.352.ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703.293.6227
Civil War Interpretive Center 703.591.0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703.385.8414
George Mason University Events 703.993.1000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><p>City Meetings</p></div> <p>Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting fairfaxva.gov and clicking this icon on the home page.</p>	<p>LABOR DAY, SEPT. 2 City government offices closed Recycling Center closed General District Court closed CUE Bus on a Saturday schedule Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open Refuse and recycling are not collected; Mon. and Tues. routes are collected on Tuesday, 9/3</p> <p>EXHIBIT: Sewing on the Homefront: World War II Quilts, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (through October 20)</p>	<div><p>12</p></div> <p>For a full CityScreen-12 schedule, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "Services"</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square</p>	<p>2</p> <p>VIRGINIA TAX-FREE HOLIDAY (virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax holiday)</p> <p>BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*</p>	<p>3</p> <p>VIRGINIA TAX-FREE HOLIDAY (virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax holiday)</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p> <p>Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square</p>	
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<p>11</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p> <p>Second Sunday: A Public Airport for the District of Columbia: The History of Washington Dulles Airport, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Sherwood Family Movie Night, 7 pm, Sherwood Center</p> <p>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p> <p>Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square</p> <p>Animal Adoption Event, 11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway</p> <p>Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours <small>See Aug. 10 for time and location</small></p>
<p>18</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NVCC FALL SEMESTER BEGINS</p> <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>ROCK THE BLOCK! 6:30-9:30 pm; road closures in effect (see city website)</p> <p>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p> <p>Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square</p> <p>Col. Sharpe and the Creation of the Bureau of Military Information, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p>	<p>26</p> <p>GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY FALL SEMESTER BEGINS</p> <p>FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BEGINS</p> <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>General District Court closed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>General District Court closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</p> <p>Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square</p>

*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department

***Non-perishable food donations accepted for Britepaths; call 703.385.7858

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WHY I VOLUNTEER

KATE HERMANN

CITY REP TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES
PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
Years in Fairfax City: 10

Why she volunteers: I believe everyone has a skill or talent that can help make the City of Fairfax a fantastic place to live and work, if they're willing to volunteer a little time. Through my professional experience, I've worked with K-12 schools to improve safety and security, and I have environmental planning experience. We meet at least nine times a year to discuss things like long-range vision for FCPS school facilities, major building maintenance, safety and security, energy/environmental sustainability and school boundaries.

Why she loves Fairfax City: We have the best community events, parks and community areas, schools, library and locally-owned restaurants. Plus, our ever-growing relationship with George Mason University and a small-town feel make the city a truly wonderful place!

Want to volunteer? There are currently positions open for the following boards and commissions: Board of Building Code Appeals (one vacancy for an engineer); Board of Equalization (one vacancy for a resident with real estate, financial or legal background); Commission on the Arts (two vacancies: one for a resident and one for a nonresident); Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy for a city resident); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year; they must also be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov, click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline: August 12

August

CULTURAL CALENDAR

Historic Tours

Let Historic Fairfax City, Inc. take you on a walking tour of Old Town Fairfax. Step off at 10 a.m. on Aug. 10 and Sept. 14 from the Historic Fairfax Courthouse. *Reservations recommended, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, 703.385.8414*

Discover Fairfax history with a free guided tour of the oldest residence in the city, the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House. *Free, 10386 Main St., most Saturdays 11 am-2 pm (call to confirm hours), 703.385.8414*

Tour the 1799 Fairfax Courthouse and Historic Records Center at 3 p.m. Fridays (excluding holidays and other court closures). Meet under the courthouse arcade by the cannons. *Free, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, 703.246.4168*

Community Farmers' Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Fresh fruits and vegetables are just some of the many attractions of the Community Farmers' Markets, held twice a week and sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition. *10500 Page Ave., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays (fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com); 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays (fairfaxsundaymarket.com)*

Movies in Fairfax, August 9, August 16

Movies Under the Moon at Van Dyck Park features *The Greatest Showman* (Aug. 9); bring a blanket or low seating. Watch *The Lego Movie Part 2* at the Sherwood Center (Aug. 16). Lights go down at 7 p.m. Britepaths accepts food donations (list of acceptable items available). *Free, 703.385.7858*

History of Dulles Airport, August 11

Historian Ray Clark tells the tale of how Dulles International Airport was established. *Free, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 2 pm. 703.385.8414*

The Creation of Military Intelligence, August 24

Jim Anderson reveals how Colonel George H. Sharpe created the Bureau of Military Intelligence (BMI) and formulated professional intelligence practices. He also assesses the impact of the BMI on the military campaigns that led to the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. *Free, Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy., 2 pm, 703.591.0560*